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New Bulky Waste Fee Structure Goes into Effect July 1, 2015

(April 22, 2015) **East Hartford, CT -** Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc and The Department of Public Works announced today that new bulky waste fees will go into effect Wednesday, July 1, 2015. The fees will be adjusted so that the cost of disposal is commensurate with the volume of waste generated from a property. In this way, the average resident will see no significant change in access or fees.

"The costs that the town incurred in the past, from the disposal of bulky waste, caused a financial imbalance to the town and our taxpayers," noted Mayor Leclerc. "While heavy users might see a change in the amount spent to dispose of bulky waste, most residents will see little to no change at all."

Starting on July 1, 2015, tickets will be required for entry into the transfer station. Annual permit fees will remain the same at \$15 for seniors and \$35 for all others. One book of five tickets will be provided upon permit issuance and may be used any time before they expire on June 30, 2016. Supplemental books of five tickets each may be purchased for \$30. Supplemental tickets will not expire, but the user must have a valid permit to access the Transfer Station. Permits and ticket books may only be purchased at the Public Works Administration Office, located at 61 Ecology Drive. Purchases may no longer be made at the town clerk's office or by mail.

Access to the Transfer Station will be based on the following fee schedule: 1 ticket for a passenger vehicle, including SUVs and minivans; 2 tickets for a pickup truck or large van; Vehicles with trailers

will be charged a vehicle charge if the vehicle is full, plus a trailer charge of 1 ticket for a small (one-axle) trailer or 3 tickets for a large (two-axle) trailer.

Residents may continue to drop off recyclables including cardboard, single stream items, waste oil, textiles and electronics and leaves at the Transfer Station free of charge without a permit.

Questions about the new bulky waste fees may be answered by calling 291-7363. Information is also available by visiting http://www.easthartfordct.gov.

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